



Giving Youth A Brighter Tomorrow

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VIA FACSIMILE: (916) 322-6440

Chairman Ross Johnson
Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Suite 620
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: June 12, 2008 Agenda Item #12
Prenotice Discussion of Amendments to Regulation 18946.4

Dear Chairman Johnson:

I am writing on behalf of Devonshire Police Activity League Supporters (PALS) regarding proposed amendments to Regulation 18946.4. We urge the Fair Political Practices Commission to reject the proposed elimination of the "no value rule" that applies 501(c)(3) fundraising events.

In 1973 local business and community leaders created Devonshire PALS as a way to help police officers working in the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Devonshire Area (a section of the northwest San Fernando Valley) to prevent area youth from getting into trouble and entering the juvenile justice system. For more than three decades, Devonshire PALS has impacted the lives of thousands of youth. The need for our programs grows greater each year.

Just last week, we broke ground on the largest PALS youth center in the City. This youth center has an ideal location since the area is filled with children and teens that will benefit greatly from the PALS program. The LAPD has identified this as a priority community in need of youth programs.

This would not have happened if the FPPC limited the attendance of elected officials at our fundraising events. For over thirty years, we have depended on the endorsement of numerous officeholders to ensure we have the necessary resources to carry out our critical programs.

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Amending the current policy will have a chilling effect on these officials assisting Devonshire PALS and will limit our ability to keep troubled teens off the streets.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to reject the proposed changes to Regulation 18946.4 that would eliminate the current "no value" rule for 501(c)(3) charities.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lorraine New', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Lorraine New
President
Devonshire PALS

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